

## **COBURN AMENDMENT 685: ADD WORK REQUIREMENTS TO SECTION 8 AND PUBLIC HOUSING**

- Section 8 and public housing currently serve well over 3 million people every year.
- While many federal means-tested programs include a work requirement, notably TANF and to a limited extent, SNAP, public housing does not.
- For these programs, there are also no time limits. That means, the federal government is providing assistance without any encouragement whatsoever for people to keep on their own two feet and rent or own their own apartment. This is a great indignity, to chain people to the welfare system.
- There have been modest demonstration projects to test work requirements in section 8 that will promote self-sufficiency. These programs should be dramatically expanded and evaluated for best practices.